

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on _____



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Whereas, the federal "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" requires all instructional paraprofessionals, in schools receiving Title I funds, with less than two years of college education to demonstrate their knowledge and ability to assist in the instruction of reading, language arts, writing and mathematics through a formal assessment;

Whereas, paraprofessionals hired after January 8, 2002 with less than two years of college education must pass the Parapro Test before being hired. Paraprofessionals who were hired before January 8, 2002 must pass the Parapro Test before January 8, 2006 to maintain their paraprofessional status;

Whereas, the Parapro Test is currently the only statewide assessment or licensing system for paraprofessionals in the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, since preparation for the Parapro Test is difficult and time consuming, several companies and organizations have developed test preparation materials. In



addition, in order to address the costs associated with this test, school corporations are permitted to use a small percentage of the Title I funds they receive to support test preparation and remediation and to provide assistance with the fees incurred by the paraprofessionals to take the assessment test: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges Indiana
- 2 school corporations receiving Title I funds to support their current
- 3 paraprofessionals in preparing for the Parapro Test with financial
- 4 assistance, free study materials, and the creation of free preparatory
- 5 classes and review workshops within each school corporation.
- 6 SECTION 1. The Principal Secretary of the Senate is hereby
- 7 ordered to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all members of the
- 8 Indiana State Board of Education.

